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1. Kovo is a national enterprise concerned with the export of metals, engineering goods, and raw materials.* Leading personnel in the general directorate include:

a. General Manager

Ing. Jan Kratky

b. Secretary

Ing. J. Suchomel

c. Administrative Director

Ing. K. Grnecka

d. Chief of Market Research

J. Baca

e. Chief of the Political
Department

K. Hamouz

f. Head of the Communist
Party Organization in Kovo

Matousek.

g. Chief of the Foreign
Trade Department

Ing. Sebek

2. The Foreign Trade Department is divided into six sections (rayony) under the direction of Zalud. The sections are as follows:

a. Section for countries with a planned economy:

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1) USSR

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2) Poland

3) Soviet Zone of Germany, directed by Ing. Krejci

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4) Soviet Zone of Austria, possibly directed by Ing. Krejci.

5) Rumania, directed by Ing. Vavrena

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6) Hungary, directed by Dr. Reichman

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7) Bulgaria, directed by Ing. Prokofiev, a Bulgarian.

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3. The Import Department of Kovo is divided into the following sections:

- a. Czechoslovak Heavy Machinery National Corporation, Praha. The General Manager of this firm is Fabinger.**
- b. Czechoslovak Light Machinery National Corporation, Praha. The General Manager of this firm is Ing. Horak.
- c. Czechoslovak Precision Machinery National Corporation, Praha. The General Manager of this firm is Ing. Novotny.
- d. Czechoslovak Transportation Installations National Corporation, Praha. The General Manager of this firm is Ing. Julinek.

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4. Kovo is organized into the following nine independent trading sections:

- a. Heavy Machinery Section, directed by Ing. Richard Krasny [redacted] 25X1
This section employs about 80 persons. Its offices are located at Palais Platyz, Praha I, Narodni trida, at Praha II, Jungmannova 19, and at Praha II, Palais Fenix, Vavelske nam. It handles machinery produced by Skoda Works in Plzen and Hradec Kralove, CKD in Praha-Karlin, First Brno and Karlovo Pole Engine ring Works (Gottwald Works) in Brno, and the Vitkovice Ironworks (with the exception of those items exported by Ferromet). This section is swamped with orders from the USSR, the satellite countries and Czech key investment plants. Delivery is delayed from 36 to 72 months because of a shortage of raw materials and skilled technical personnel. Ing. Fruehauf [redacted] is in charge of orders for the Czech key investment plants. 25X1
- b. Machine Tools and Workshop Equipment Section, directed by Ing. K. Kondr [redacted] 25X1
His deputy is Ing. Polacek; Jan Seifert is in charge of the machine tools division, Stanislav Strnad is political secretary. This section employs about 150 workers, of whom about 70 percent are members of the Communist Party, but only 15 percent are convinced Communists. The offices of the section are in the Fenix Palace, Vavelske nam., Praha. The 1949 export quota for machine tools was 100,000,000 kcs; that for 1950 is 1,200,000,000 kcs, 60 percent of which is scheduled to be exported to the USSR and satellite countries. Skoda SUR heavy lathes, Skoda A 20 and A 40 automatic lathes, Plauert, Skoda HVF milling machines, carussels, heavy planing machines, cold thread rolling machines and machines for the manufacture of nails are most in demand. The export of machine tools is unsatisfactory because of the over-production of machines for which there is little demand. The USSR is given first priority for all machine tools, followed by key investments for Czech heavy industry [redacted] 25X1
- c. High and Low Voltage Electrical Machinery Section, directed by E. Jelinowitz. The offices of this section are in the Fenix Palace. It handles products manufactured by Krizik Electrotechnical Works in Praha, CKD, Metra Nationalized Enterprises in Blansko and Tesla in Praha. Delivery of generators of more than 150 KW output is between two and three years.
- d. Transportation Section, directed by Ing. Jarolinek, a Communist who was a member of the Communist action committee and was Export Manager of Kovo before the reorganization. The head of the automobile export division is Ing. Hackl [redacted] the head of the motorcycle division is J. Brazda, [redacted] 25X1
The section controls the export of automobiles, motorcycles and industrial tractors. Its major automobile manufacturing plants are Skoda, Aero and Tatra; the main motorcycle manufacturing plants are Ogar, Jawa and CZ. 25X1
- e. Agricultural Machinery Section, directed by Ing. Horteck [redacted] 25X1
was formerly employed in the Machine Tool Section. His deputy is K. Matousek, the former manager of this section. Kreibich, who is in charge of the tractor division, was dismissed from his position but has been rehired. The main offices of the section are in the Fenix Palace. The main producers of tractors handled by this section are Zetor and Skoda. Production of agricultural machinery is being adapted for use in Central Europe and the Balkans where horse-drawn equipment is prevalent; of the equipment handled by this section, only threshing machines are of modern design. Poland is the most important customer for agricultural machinery and tractors.
- f. Sporting Equipment, Typewriters and Optical Equipment Section, directed by Ing. J. Bazila [redacted] 25X1
The main offices are in Praha II, Mustek. Bicycle chains and high quality optical equipment are in great demand. Recently, 100,000 defective chains which had been made by CZ in Rakovnik [redacted] were returned. Director Vozenilek was dismissed from his post in the section because of this although the fault actually lay with the soft steel supplied by Poldi. 25X1
- g. Printing, Textile and Foodstuff Machinery Section, with offices in the Louvre Palace, Praha II, Narodni trida. This section handles printing presses and equipment produced by Alba in Horovice and by CZ, textile machinery produced by the Warnsdorf Works and foodstuff machinery, especially egg-sorting machinery, produced by Skoda.

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- h. Ommipol Ironware Section, directed by Ing. Pospisil. His deputy is Ing. Sehnal and the head of the export division is Ing. Rehorik.
- i. Bratislava Branch Office for Production of the Czechoslovak Metalworking Industry, with offices at Malinovskeho 57. This section is directed by Ing. Schnabe and Ing. Florian [redacted] It handles metal packing, barrels, milkcans, hardware, silver and silver plate articles for export. 25X1
- j. In addition to the above sections, there is a secret department known as "Section D" which handles the export of arms and ammunition. It is directed by General Herman; his deputy is Ing. Lechman. All exports handled by this department must be approved by Section VIII of the Ministry of National Defense and by the Central Committee of the Communist Party. 25X1
5. Kovo has established trade agencies throughout the world at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Trade. [redacted] 25X1
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Other agents are still to be appointed. The Planning Department of Kovo in conjunction with the Department of Market Research has issued a thirty-page instruction pamphlet to the foreign representatives in which the agents were asked to submit information on the rail and bus transportation systems, plans of the major ports, railroad stations and airfields, public opinion, relations of the local Communist Party with the People's Democracies, possibilities of Communist propaganda, etc.

* [] Comment: Much of this material may be outdated. [] There are discrepancies between these reports in the spelling of several names.

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*** [] Comment: This name is also spelled Emanuel Sillinger []

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